

HOUSE BILL 396

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50,
Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-102(14)(A), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(xii) For injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2023, the maximum weekly benefit for death benefits for the death of an employee covered by this chapter, where the deceased employee leaves dependents, is seventy-five percent (75%) of the employee's average weekly wage up to one hundred percent (100%) of the state's average weekly wage, as determined by the department;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-209(b)(1), is amended by deleting "sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%)" and substituting "seventy-five percent (75%)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-210(e), is amended by deleting subdivision (4).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-210(e), is amended by deleting "fifty percent (50%)" and substituting "sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%)" in subdivisions (1) and (5).

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-210(e), is amended by deleting "sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%)" and substituting "seventy-five percent (75%)" in subdivisions (2), (4), (5), and (12).

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-210(e)(11), is amended by

deleting the last sentence and substituting:

If the dependent is attending a recognized educational institution, or is employed or enrolled in an apprenticeship program, benefits shall be paid until twenty-two (22) years of age;

SECTION 7. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.